Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The ability to read is vital to individual fulfillment, productive employment, community participation, and a successful democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, More than 20 million American adults cannot read or write beyond a fourth-grade level and 30 million more cannot read or write beyond an eighth-grade level; and,

WHEREAS, Illiteracy is diffused throughout our nation, not confined to any one ethnic or socioeconomic group or any region of the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens with inadequate basic skills demonstrably can upgrade those skills if, in a sensitive and understanding way, they are given the opportunity and encouragement to step forward; and,

WHEREAS, Conquering illiteracy is an economic necessity in the state of South Dakota for further development and progress and for our contribution to the competitiveness of America in the global marketplace; and,

WHEREAS, A nationwide movement to overcome illiteracy is growing rapidly with the active participation and cooperation of all levels of government and major elements of the private sector; and,

WHEREAS, Television networks, local television stations, newspapers, business firms, theme parks, service organizations, schools, church groups, employee organizations, and literacy service providers are joining forces to celebrate liberty and literacy in the "Read America, Win America" campaign in July, August and September, 1987:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the months of July, August and September, 1987, as

READ AMERICA, WIN AMERICA MONTHS

in South Dakota, and urge all South Dakotans to join the celebration of liberty and literacy and to participate in and support the projects and activities that will be launched throughout the summer and beyond to help overcome illiteracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE